**"The Most Dangerous Game"**

**Multiple Choice**

*Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

\_\_\_\_ 1. General Zaroff first comes to his island after —

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| a. | swimming to it when his ship sank |
| b. | being stranded on it by his crew |
| c. | buying it in order to build his home there |
| d. | inheriting it from his father |

\_\_\_\_ 2. Rainsford comes to the island because he —

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| a. | swims to it after accidentally falling overboard |
| b. | wishes to write an article about Zaroff |
| c. | wants to prove that Zaroff can’t successfully hunt him |
| d. | wants to bring the evil Zaroff to justice |

\_\_\_\_ 3. What is Zaroff’s *main* reason for preferring to hunt human beings rather than animals?

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| a. | There is no other big game on his island. |
| b. | He doesn’t like to kill innocent creatures. |
| c. | He hates humanity and wants to take revenge against it. |
| d. | Hunting men is more of a challenge than hunting beasts because humans have the ability to reason. |

\_\_\_\_ 4. Zaroff especially welcomes Rainsford because the general —

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| a. | has read about Rainsford’s hunts | c. | has no other humans on the island to hunt |
| b. | wants news about the outside world | d. | wishes to share his secret with the world |
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\_\_\_\_ 5. Rainsford first realizes he is going to be the prey when —

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| a. | he sees the blood and an empty cartridge in the bush |
| b. | Zaroff says he no longer enjoys hunting animals |
| c. | he enters Zaroff’s home |
| d. | Zaroff tells him to join the hunt or become Ivan’s sport |

\_\_\_\_ 6. The *best* evidence that Zaroff is aware of **his own** evil and cruelty is that he —

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| a. | makes fun of Rainsford for being afraid |
| b. | explains how he obtains the men he hunts |
| c. | says that all Cossacks are savage and that he, Zaroff, is a Cossack |
| d. | claims that it is not murder to kill sailors because they are “scum” |

\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of the following statements *best* describes why Zaroff is ok hunting human beings?

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| a. | Animal life is more precious than human life. |
| b. | Only the strong deserve to survive. |
| c. | Individual freedom is more important than laws. |
| d. | Human beings are not morally responsible for one another. |

\_\_\_\_ 8. Who is dead by the end of the story?

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| a. | Rainsford |
| b. | Rainsford and Zaroff |
| c. | Rainsford, Ivan, and two of the captive sailors |
| d. | Zaroff, Ivan, and one of Zaroff’s best dogs |

\_\_\_\_ 9. Rainsford **finally** gets the better of Zaroff when Rainsford —

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| a. | swims to Zaroff’s home and surprises him |
| b. | kills Ivan, leaving Zaroff defenseless |
| c. | catches Zaroff in a tiger trap made from a bent sapling |
| d. | signals to a passing boat that helps him escape |

\_\_\_\_ 10. The *main* conflict in “The Most Dangerous Game” is between —

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| a. | character vs. society |
| b. | character vs. fate |
| c. | character vs. nature |
| d. | character vs. character |

\_\_\_\_ 11. The last sentence of the story is, “He had never slept in a better bed, Rainsford decided.” What important piece of plot information does that sentence give you?

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| a. | Zaroff has finally been defeated. |
| b. | Rainsford has safely reached his homeland. |
| c. | Rainsford has a history of sleep problems. |
| d. | Rainsford cares too much about luxuries. |

\_\_\_\_ 12. Which of the following events occurs first?

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| a. | Ivan threatens Rainsford. | c. | Zaroff hunts Rainsford. |
| b. | Zaroff welcomes Rainsford. | d. | Whitney warns Rainsford. |

\_\_\_\_ 13. **Foreshadowing** is a —

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| a. | look back at what happened before the story began |
| b. | hint about what is to come in the plot |
| c. | scene that is out of chronological order |
| d. | struggle between inner and outer forces |

\_\_\_\_ 14. Which of the following statements is the *best* example of foreshadowing in the story?

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| a. | Whitney’s tales of Ship-Trap Island foreshadow danger. |
| b. | The fact that Rainsford smokes a pipe foreshadows his death. |
| c. | The fact that Ivan does not speak foreshadows the story of Ivan’s youth. |
| d. | Rainsford’s construction of traps foreshadows that he is an expert hunter. |

15. The title “The Most Dangerous Game” can be read in two different ways. Explain both.

16. What happens at the end of the story?

17. How is color used to set a mood in the story?

18. Look at the character chart in your notebook. Which character trait do you think helped Rainsford win the game? Provide 2 examples from the text to support the trait you chose.

19. Give two types of conflict that occurred in the story. Explain each type using an example from the story.